



Then He Said It.

It was 11 p. m. and Slowboy had at last made up his mind to propose.
"Miss Marbleton—er—Clara," he began, "I am about to say something that I should have said some time ago. Look into my eyes and tell me if you—er—cannot guess what it is."
"You look as sleepy as I feel, Mr. Slowboy," answered the fair daughter of Eve, as she tried in vain to strangle a yawn, "so I guess you must be going to say 'good night.'—Cincinnati Enquirer.

THEIR RELATIONSHIP.



"Can never be my wife, eh? Ah, I suppose you'll say, but you'll be a sister to me, though."
"No; I'll be a daughter to you, because you have been a popper to me."—Chicago Chronicle.

The Story of a Sage.

He had a most inquiring mind; No quiver would he shirk. He just investigated. But never did much work.—Washington Star.

Makes All the Difference.

"I want a policeman to come over and shoot my dog," said a man to the sergeant in charge of the police station.
"Whose dog is it?"
"Mine."
"Your dog? The one you wouldn't let us shoot when he bit a neighbor's boy?"
"Yes, but it's different now."
"How so?"
"He bit me."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Perpetual Warfare.

Mrs. Egerton Blunt—But why did you leave your last place?
Applicant—I couldn't stand the way the mistress and master used to quarrel, mum.
Mrs. E. B. (shocked)—Dear me! Did they quarrel very much, then?
Applicant—Yes, mum; when it wasn't me an' 'im it was me an' er—Tit-Bits.

Fifteen Minutes Slow.

The clock struck nine. I looked at Kate, whose lips were luscious red.
"At a quarter after nine I mean to steal a kiss," I said.
She cast a roughish look at me. And then she whispered low. With just the sweetest smile: "That clock is fifteen minutes slow."—Tit-Bits.

FAITH IN ART.



The Boy—Say, mister, are you an artist?
The Man—Certainly, little boy.
The Boy—Den I wish you'd get busy an' paint me a hen ter sit on dese eggs.—Chicago Chronicle.

Hard to Understand.

The campaign orator doth come, And think with dire dismay That spite of all his speeches some Will vote the other way.—Washington Star.

Proud of Her Hubby.

Mrs. Littlewit (proudly)—Only just think! Charles has gone to address a public gathering.
Friend—I didn't know he was a speechmaker.
Mrs. Littlewit—Nor I; but he's been called upon to make a statement before a meeting of his creditors.—Tit-Bits.

An Incentive.

"What a beautiful lawn you have!"
"Yes," answered Mr. Nagley's wife, "my husband keeps it that way."
"He must be very industrious."
"Yes. He never misses a day with his lawn mower; although I could scarcely get him to touch it until the neighbors began to complain about the noise it made."—Washington Star.

Remarkable.

Parson White—Mistah Johnsing's very peculiar.
Bruder Jones—Yes, indeedy. He'd radder work dan git married.—Life.

No Other Alternative.

Editor (to author, who has been reading something to him)—Well, I should not care to pronounce an opinion upon it, for, to tell you the truth, I am no great judge of poetry.
Author (eagerly)—But, my dear sir, it is not poetry, it—
Editor (interrupting)—Pardon me, but it must be, for it certainly isn't prose.—Ally Sloper.

The Latest Arrivals.

Stern Merchant—How is it that you are so late this morning, Mr. Quiverful?
Quiverful—Very sorry, sir, but I was up all night with the boys.
Stern Merchant—What? Spend a night in dissipation, at your age, too?
Quiverful—Oh no, sir; I was alluding to the twins.—Ally Sloper.

He Knew.

Teacher—What is it that our Christian people should spread through the world?
Tommie—I don't know, ma'am.
"What is it we send to the heathen through our missionaries?"
"Pennies, ma'am."—Yonkers Statesman.

Prepared.

Mrs. Sweetly—My daughter, you know, has just graduated from music school. Did you enjoy her piano recital last evening?
Mr. Blunt—Oh, yes. I was born near a boiler factory, and my mother always said I inherited a fondness for noise.—Detroit Free Press.

Borrowed Time.

If time is money, you can bet A nickel or a dime That there are people in this world Who live on borrowed time.—Yonkers Statesman.

STRAIGHT FROM SHOULDER.



The Cad—Don't you think many interesting people come to this place?
The Maid—I do not. You're only the third one I've met.—St. Louis Republic.

Means.

Husband—My, but I wish I had your tongue.
Wife—So that you could express yourself intelligently?
Husband—No; so that I could stop it when I wanted to.—Detroit Free Press.

Wasted Opportunities.

Slowboy—Am I to understand that you regard me only in the light of a friend, Miss Swift?
Miss Swift—Well, it isn't my fault if you—er—don't know enough to turn down the light.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Model of Propriety.

Fred—Miss Upperton is the most circumspect young lady I ever met.
Joe—What's the answer?
Fred—She refused to accompany me on the piano the other evening without a chaperon.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Wasn't in a Hurry.

"You can take the medicine either in tablet or liquid form," said the physician. "Which would you prefer?"
"Well," replied the patient, "you may give me the kind that kills the slowest."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

At the Consultation.

First Doctor—Then we decide not to operate.
Second Doctor—Yes. What do you think we ought to charge him for deciding not to operate?—Brooklyn Life.

Of Course.

Mrs. Blither—Well, Mrs. Shrew, and how do you find things now?
Mrs. Shrew (spitefully)—Why, by looking for them, of course. How would you think?—Ally Sloper.

A Bad Case.

Kind Lady—Why, how did you get out?
Escaped Confront—Well, yer see, mum, dey all had smallpox, an' I broke out.—Judge.

Joys of Wedlock.

"We may as well come to an understanding right now," said the angry husband. "It may be hard for you to hear the truth from me, but—"
"Indeed it is," interrupted the patient wife, "I hear it so seldom from you."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Quite a Success.

"They say her wedding beggared description."
"Oh, more than that!"
"Indeed?"
"Yes, it beggared her father."—Tit-Bits.

PRETTY THINGS TO WEAR.

Variety of Feminine Finery That Will Be in Vogue for the Fall Season.

Kid belts, especially those in black or white, are to retain their popularity. Any buckle may be worn with them, but the harness buckle is considered the smartest, the jewel and precious metal buckles being reserved for belts of richly brocaded ribbons, reports the New York Tribune.

Vellings are more elaborate than in summer, many of them being embroidered in floral designs, printed in dainty colors like the chiffons and mousselines for evening gowns. But women of conservative and exclusive taste will cling to the white or black small lace face veils, or the long lace and chiffon veils draped gracefully about the hat.

In the color combinations of the autumn displays green and blue have a prominent place; but nothing is so pretty as the golden brown and bronze shades. A lovely hat, with a long and very full ostrich boa, is shown in three shades of brown, running from tan to a deep chocolate.

Brown chrysanthemums with golden hearts trim a hat of fine soft white felt. This new felt is not the stiff or long-haired felt of past seasons, but is as soft and pliable as velvet, which it will closely rival in the winter hats modeled on forms.

Never was so much "shading" seen, in plumes, feathers, ribbons, flowers and the new silk and woolen dress fabrics. Some of them are "rainbow" in effect, while others are as lovely as a fine pastel.

Even in leather goods, tan, russet and "burnt" brown shades are leading; and lovely dressing cases, handbags, purses, cardcases and belts are shown in tan and russet, mounted with silver or nickel and lined with the same shade in kid or heavy silk moire.

Velvet shirtwaist dresses are shown for early fall wear, as well as those in the new checked materials, and the mingling of browns, whites and orange is pronounced in these.

The Parisian touch of black is the leading note in many of the handsomest toilets. Nothing is prettier than rosettes of narrow black velvet ribbon.

TO KEEP OFF MOSQUITOES

Pyrethrum Powder Burned on Live Coals Will Be Found Effective.

Anyone who is ill with malaria or yellow fever should be carefully protected from mosquitoes, for, should a person be bitten by an anopheles, the malarial mosquito, or stegomyia fasciata, the yellow fever mosquito, at this time, there would be great danger that the insects might fly away and bite some one else and thus spread the disease, says Popular Science Monthly. Screens for both doors and windows form the best protection against mosquitoes at all times; but it often happens that the insects get into our houses, even though they are thoroughly screened, generally through some door or window that has been left open by mistake, or they may gain an entrance by coming down an unused chimney if the flue is allowed to remain open during the summer time.

A house or a room may be cleared of mosquitoes by burning pyrethrum powder and allowing the smoke, which is not at all offensive to most people, thoroughly fill the room that is under treatment. This smoke kills or so stupefies the insects that they will not bite.

Pyrethrum powder is a preparation of the plant pyrethrum roseum, and is sometimes sold as Persian insect powder or Dalmation powder; it can be bought at any drug store for about 35 cents a pound. It is a very fine, light powder; and an ounce of it will go a long way, making a large volume of smoke.

A pyrethrum smudge or smoke may be started by covering a live coal, taken from the kitchen stove, with the powder, first placing the coal upon a small shovel, so that it may be moved about conveniently without danger of setting anything on fire. The pyrethrum will quickly begin to smolder and give off a dense smoke. All that is now necessary is to add from time to time a pinch of the powder as occasion requires, merely keeping the smoldering ashes covered so that the smoke will continue.

Peach Cheese.

Pare and quarter 18 yellow, ripe peaches; sweeten them with one cupful of powdered sugar and let them stand in a covered dish for two hours; soak three-fourths of a package of gelatin in three-fourths of a cupful of cold water for ten minutes; then dissolve by pouring over it three-fourths of a cupful of boiling water; stir until dissolved, then strain. Put the sweetened peaches through a sieve or vegetable press; add the gelatin and set in a pan of cracked ice or ice-water and stir until it begins to thicken; then stir in carefully a pint of whipped cream. Turn into a glass or porcelain mold and set on ice to harden. Serve with orange sauce or cold fruit sauce.—People's Home Journal.

Combination Marmalade.

Select one bushel red tart apples and half a bushel of grapes; boil the apples in a little water till they are quite soft, then rub through a sieve with a spoon; take the grapes from the stems, put in a dish, add a little water and cook till the seeds and skins will separate easily, then mix the sieved apples and grapes together, and add from one-half to one pound sugar, as desired, to each pound of the apple and grape mixture; cook till thick enough to suit, and then can the same as fruit.—Good Literature.

EQUAL TO THE EMERGENCY

Colored Preacher Who Was Right at Home on Any Text Suggested.

As an old colored preacher who had been conducting a revival meeting was reaching the end of his series, relates the Indianapolis News, he appeared before the congregation one night and spoke thus:

"Brethren and sistren, I come befo' you all wholly unprepared with my text. I hab been preachin' all so'ts of things, and to show the brethren and sistren that I have not said all that I know, I will ask that some membah of this congregation suggest a subject and I will preach about it to you."

For several minutes there was an embarrassing silence while the minister scowled over the top of his glasses, waiting for some one to propose a topic. No one seemed anxious to take advantage of the opportunity, until finally a little fellow in the back part of the church yelled out: "Pills." There was a snicker as the preacher cleared his voice and said:

"Pills. I hab been requested by some membah of dis congregation to discourse befo' you all on 'pills.' Now, brethren and sistren, I am not familiah wid the ways of medicine for I am a preacher man, but as I said I would talk on any subject that was proposed, 'pills' will be my text. Now, to begin with, there are quinine pills, calomel pills, big pills and little pills, and a thousand kind of other pills what the doctor do prescribe when the flesh am sick. But I propose to talk to you about de kind of medicine what de soul needs when it am sick—'gospills.'"

SHORT-SIGHTED DRUMMER.

Was Foolish Enough to Sass a Postmistress and Soon Learned Something.

"I had a money order on a village post office in Michigan," said the Chicago drummer, relates the Daily News of that city, "and when I went in to get it cashed I found a postmistress instead of a postmaster. She was gabbing away with another woman and, being in a hurry, I spoke to her rather sharply. In fact, I asked her if Uncle Sam employed her to gossip about her neighbors. In reply, she looked at the order and said:

"James M. Blank, eh? Well, sir, you will have to be identified."

"I had half a dozen letters, but she shook her head. I showed her my initials on my collar, but it was no go. I had sassed her and she had a chance to get even and, as a matter of fact, she kept me in that town for two whole days, and would then hardly believe a lawyer who came 20 miles to identify me."

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MARKET REPORT.

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LAMBS—Extra \$5.85 @ 6.00
FLOUR—Spring pat. 6.35 @ 6.60
WHEAT—No. 2 red. 1.17 @ 1.18
No. 3 winter \$1.10 @ 1.10
OATS—No. 2 mixed. 33 @ 33 1/2
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RYE—No. 2 79 @ 80
HAY—Ch. timothy \$11.75 @ 12.10
PORK—Mess \$13.10 @ 13.10
LARD—Steam \$7.37 1/2 @ 7.50
BUTTER—Ch. dairy \$13 @ 13
Choice creamery \$21 1/2 @ 21 1/2
APPLES—Choice \$2.00 @ 2.50
POTATOES—Per bbl \$1.50 @ 1.75
TOBACCO—New \$5.25 @ 12.25
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Chicago.
FLOUR—Winter pat. 5.30 @ 5.50
WHEAT—No. 2 red. 1.12 1/2 @ 1.15 1/2
No. 3 spring \$1.05 @ 1.16
CORN—No. 2 mixed. 52 1/2 @ 52 3/4
OATS—No. 2 mixed. 30 1/2 @ 30 3/4
RYE—No. 2 74 @ 74
PORK—Mess \$11.55 @ 11.60
LARD—Steam \$7.22 1/2 @ 7.22 1/2

New York.
FLOUR—Win. str. 5.10 @ 5.40
WHEAT—No. 2 red. \$1.17 1/2 @ 1.17 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed. 56 1/2 @ 56 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed. 34 1/2 @ 34 1/2
PORK—Mess \$15.50 @ 15.50
LARD—Steam \$7.70 @ 7.70

Baltimore.
WHEAT—No. 2 red. 1.03 1/4 @ 1.10
CORN—No. 2 mixed. 52 1/2 @ 52 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed. 41 @ 41
CATTLE—Steers \$5.10 @ 5.35
HOGS—Western \$6.15 @ 6.75

Louisville.
WHEAT—No. 2 red. \$1.15 @ 1.15
CORN—No. 3 mixed. 56 @ 56
OATS—No. 2 mixed. 35 @ 35
LARD—Steam \$7.00 @ 7.00
PORK—Mess \$13.50 @ 13.50

Indianapolis.
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